

Example language for policy recommendations

Challenge: Inability to maximize efficiencies in energy used to transport cargo

Background: Many long-and mid-distance haulers are turning to CNG as a more efficient fuel for transporting cargo. At the same time, multi-modal carriers are exploring other forms of transportation fuel, such as electric vehicles. These fuels could be used more efficiently if logical hubs were identified so that resources applied to alternative fueling infrastructure can be concentrated where they are likely to be needed the most. Thus, CNG fueling stations can be strategically located near interstate hubs where cargo is most likely to be transferred from rail to long distance trucks. Additional information is available at (links, references).

Recommended Approach: Palmetto State Clean Fuels Coalition or other umbrella organization devoted to transportation issues should convene a task force, engaging private and public haulers, state and federal officials, and the planning community in identifying the most important hubs for infrastructure development.

Timeframe: Begin immediately, in order to be ready for any funding opportunities that arise.